

Dean Hudson

Dean Hudson Orchestra Will Play For Final Ball

Dean Hudson, handsome orchestra leader, who comes to the AMA for the top Military School Final Ball has one of the most entertaining bands in the business today.

Dean's orchestra was picked as the first band to perform on television, using the new coaxial cable for network shots. This is equivalent to the honor bestowed on Vincent Lopez when Lopez was the choice of bands to make the first radio network broadcast, some years ago.

Hudson's array of talent is the envy of all other band leaders. The singing maestro headlines a group of the nation's best, which includes Lennie Love, Piano Stylist; Don Faffley, Trumpet Artistry; Bill Jones, Mad Drummer Boy; the "Dixieland Six"; and the famous Hudson Glee Club.

The musical background of the Orchestra is furnished by the instrumentation of two trumpets, two trombones, four saxes, and three rhythm, including our tuba, all of which adds up to one the most danceable bands in the land.

This great band is for listeners, as well as dancers, as the great variety of talent in the band makes it possible for each number to be

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Coskie Norvell Addresses Y. M. C. A. On 'Athletics'

Mr. Coskie Norvell, Manager of Radio Station WAFC, Staunton, Va., addressed the Y.M.C.A. Sunday evening, March 6 on "Athletics".

He brought out the facts that "winning is not everything in playing the game; that sometimes a true athlete of the first All-American Caliber can be changed into a 3rd rate player—just on factors of which the average person is not aware".

He took as an example where "an All-American basketball player, because of the feeling that existed against him not only in his own university but even on his own team, gave up the opportunity to score and make a name for himself. He could not succeed on his own for the odds were too much against him and he had to yield to the pressure".

Then the speaker paralleled "by bringing out the same idea existing in life where a true Christian has much to fight against the prejudices of many persons with whom he comes in contact".

Fencers, Spanish Cadets To Present Program At Wilson High School

The Augusta Fencers will present a program at Woodrow Wilson High School Assembly Program on April 15. Assisting the fencers will be a group of Spanish Students who will give a program on Cuba and South and Central America.

This program will be the first of a series of such programs to be presented this spring at various high schools in Virginia and West Virginia.

Headmaster Represents School At Educational Group Conference Meet

Dr. Herbert D. Deane, Headmaster at Augusta, represented the academy at the Annual Meeting of the Secondary Conference Group, held in the Statler Hotel, New York City, March 4 and 5.

The Secondary Conference is the new name for the College Entrance Board Examination Meeting.

Schools from all sections of the United States attended the meeting.

THE A. M. A. CADET CORPS AUGUSTA GIRL FOR 1954



Miss Elizabeth Booth

Material For 1955 Recall Sent To Press

The Recall for 1955 has gone to press and will be ready for distribution the latter part of May.

Many new ideas have been incorporated in this edition of the annual: for the first time a design has been placed on the back of the cover—a novelty, believed to be unique in covers; more snapshots and actions of sports throughout the entire season; a running continuity with letters to be in keeping with the opening pages of each book, etc.

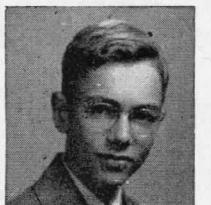
There is still time for advertisements to be inserted if any cadet knows of any firm that may be interested in placing their product before the Augusta audience.

Jim Hassell Top Man On February Honor Roll

Jim Hassell led the honor roll for March with a general average of 97.20. Besides being Captain of "D" Company, Jim was engaged every afternoon by the Fencing Team of which sport he was the Captain.

The Honor Roll this month was exactly divided between the Junior and the Senior Schools.

The remainder of the Honor Roll in the order of their averages is: Mac Turner, Steve Tomasek, Tom Petty, Bill McVey, Thurman Lea, Tony Webster, Larry Long, Paul Jeager, Willis Lovell, Jim Meier, and George Petty.



Jim Hassell

Entries Now Being Placed Which Will Determine 1955 Augusta Girl, Pin-Up Queen

First Queen in 1944

Miss Lelia Spilman of Statesville, North Carolina, was chosen as the first Queen. Her escort was Bob Page of Washington, D. C.

Romance Wins Out

The Queen of 1945 Miss Nancy Harrison is now married to the cadet who nominated her, Bumps Gardner.

The Third Queen

Miss Mary Alice McClelland, daughter of Senator and Mrs. J. R. McClelland, of Little Rock, Arkansas, was the third Queen.

Miss Woolridge, 1947 Queen

This Queen Miss Alice Woolridge had the distinction of being the only Queen ever chosen on the dance floor.

N. C. Sends Another One

Miss Nancy Cobb of Chapel Hill, N. C., and escorted by Spencer Gregory was the 1948 Queen.

Stuart Hall Sends A Queen

Miss Jane Bailey of Stuart Hall and escorted by Bob Myers, was crowned the pinup Queen of 1949.

Mary Baldwin Wins Crown

Miss Reba Ruth Reynolds, a student at Mary Baldwin College, was the 1950. Her escort was Herm "Pop" Matthes.

Mary Baldwin Repeats

The 1951 Queen was Miss Betty Todd Eberhart entered by Bill Parnell.

N. C. Wins Again

Miss Blanche Wilkins of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, became the ninth Queen. She was escorted by Biff Carstarphen.

Fairfax Hall Wins

Miss Ann Lutes of Fairfax Hall was winner in 1953. She was escorted by Phil Thomas.

Fairfax Hall Repeats

Ken Hoke was the lucky escort of Miss Libby Booth of Fairfax Hall, last year's beautiful winner. Ken was from Washington, D. C., and Miss Booth was from Texas.

Milton Caniff, Comic Strip Artist, Speaker At S.I.P.A. Meeting

Milton Caniff, famed comic strip artist and creator of "Steve Canyon", will be among the featured speakers at the 26th annual convention of the Southern Inter-scholastic Press Association, April 29-30, at Washington and Lee University.

O. W. Riegel, director of the Lee Memorial Journalism Foundation at Washington and Lee, says invitations are in the mail to high and preparatory schools in 14 southern states and the District of Columbia.

Last year over 800 student editors of school newspaper, radio shows, and yearbooks attended the two-day session, and Riegel says registrations may exceed that figure this Spring.

Besides Caniff, other speakers at Magazine; Clark L. Terlouw, photographic expert for the Eastman Kodak Company; Benjamin W. Alnutt, yearbook expert from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase School; and William G. Leverty, news editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

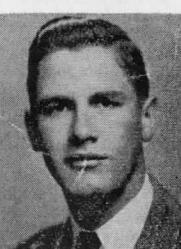
SIPA features will include criticism clinics for contest entries, a clinic for new faculty advisers, short courses in photography and school radio, exhibits, roundtable discussions, and social functions.

Seniors Take College Board Aptitude Test

30 Seniors scheduled for graduation in June took their College Board Examinations, Saturday, March 12 in the Robert E. Lee High School, Staunton, Va.

The morning sessions were devoted to the Verbal and Math Aptitude Tests and the afternoons to achievement tests in all academic subjects.

These tests are part of the graduation requirements for any type of diploma at Augusta. They are instrumental in paving the way for ready acceptance by almost any college in the nation.



Roy Pope



Larry Long

SPRING RECESS PERIOD

Col. Charles S. Roller, Jr., principal announced that the Spring Recess period will officially begin, Friday morning, March 25 and will end Tuesday Evening, April 5.

CHRIST STILL LIVES TODAY

In just about a month we shall attend special services honoring the death of the world's greatest man.

Do we realize just what Christ did for you and for me? He gave his life that we may enjoy not only a better life today but a wonderful here-after.

He symbolizes all that is fine, upright, kind and generous. His presence has been and will continue to be felt as long as man continues to inhabit the earth.

He is present wherever man exists but many do not realize just how his way can solve all problems whatever they may be.

Thus it is our duty as Christians to revere ourselves and our lives to the path that he made for us 2,000 years ago.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION DAY IS NOT FAR AWAY

Sometime around the twentieth of April our school will once again be inspected by officers from Second Army Headquarters located at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. This inspection is known as Government, or Federal Inspection, and it is the acid test of the military knowledge of the cadets of this school, and of the care taken of our military equipment.

Only once in the last twelve years we failed to pass this inspection, and that one year passed without that little white "honor school" star on your sleeve is a year never to be forgotten.

It is indeed humiliating to have to tell cadets from other schools having an "honor school" rating that we just couldn't make the grade. Every second year cadet knows just how tough a government inspection is. Certainly these inspections are tough! They're tough because the army knows that only a good school with good instructors and good equipment can turn out good future officers. But we've passed these inspections before, and with flying colors.

Last year Augusta stood among the first schools in this area. Our previous success in

PASS THOSE EXAMS!

Next Tuesday morning we shall begin the second semester examinations and they can seriously affect our year's work.

They can either help us to improve our general yearly average or they can do just the opposite. They can also be the means of our graduation and fulfilling our sincere wishes or they can be a great disappointment not only for us but for our parents.

It is our obligation, to ourselves and to our parents that we put forth every effort to not merely pass but to do the very best that we have in our power to do.

That little extra time spent now, may mean the difference between passing, getting a good grade, or failing a course.

DO YOUR BEST.

WHAT IT WAS . . . WAS A. M. A.

This article is written in dialect—thus the English, punctuation, etc., is in keeping with tradition.

Well, it was back last September, I believe it was, when Pa put me on one of them there "City Streamline Trains" to go off away from home to one of them there military playces where you go off to school.

Well, friends, I got up chere to Richmond, Bergina about noon. I thought I'd get me a maful to eat before that I caught my houndog bus to Staunton. Well sir, I went into a place that said get something to eat chere. I did. I sat right down on one of them ther new wangled sats that turn all the way around, and ordered me two hamburgers and a big orange drink.

Well sir, some feller put some money in this great big machine that sat up-like on the wall, and music started playing and this feller that had put the money in this here machine grabbed this little gal and slung her over his head, between his legs, around him and I don't know what all, and just as soon as the music stopped this gal would set down and he would go and get another one.

He did. I reached over and asked this fellow that was setting benext to me, I said, "Friend, just what is it that the yare doing?" Well sir, he whopped me on the back and said "buddy, have a drink," and I says "believe I will have another big orange."

Wellsir, I sat there and watched that for a while and I decided I butter go catch my houndog bus for Staunton.

I arrived in Staunton that evening and there was a feller there ametting the bus and he asked me was I a going to A. M. A. and I said I was, so he says to me "get en and I will give you a ride."

Well sir, I got in and he took me out chere to A. M. A. and let me out by this big gate with all these iron bars around it, and I said "friend, you brought me to the wrong place, you see I wanted to go to A. M. A., not the State Pen." He turns around and looks at me and says, "buddy, you air here."

It was about that time that I noticed this great-big rich fellers house out there all by its self. Well sir, I didn't know what to do next, so I just stood there a little while and watched them fellers that was all frilled up in them army suits and I noticed every time one of these fellers in this here blue suit would pass a man in a brown suit he would reach up and scratch his eye, and the feller in the brown suit would scratch his eye too.

Well sir, I don't know what it was that they was a doin', but I have studied about it, and I think it is some kindy of a contest to see which of them fellers can scratch his eye the fastest, without either knocking his hat off or sticking his thumb in his eye.

Revised By Adrian Howard

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Letters To The Editor

I have heard some old cadets talk of a character named "Stubbs Parker." I am quite curious and would like to know if such a cadet ever came to A.M.A.

Sincerely,
A Cadet

Dear Reader:

Stubbs Parker, now going into his 10th year at A.M.A., rooms in "13" of the fifth stoop tower. He doesn't mind it a bit though and is a very enthusiastic cadet. His room is kept very neat except for a few minor details such as: hole in floor, no lockers, cracked ceiling and hardly any paint on the walls. During government inspection he just can't understand why they paint his door and windows with black paint and hang a sign which states: "Dark Room" on his door.

Always trying out for different teams, he is very athletic. He tried for the Tiger team and was doing fine until a certain game where Stubbs received and ran toward the goal posts. He made the touchdown, but it was called back. Stubbs couldn't understand why until he was told he ran the wrong way. After the game he was put on the injury list for the rest of the year for mental deficiencies.

Stubbs, every now and then, finds himself on the coal pile. How he got there he doesn't know himself. He didn't think anyone saw him plant the dynamite under the sentry box and when he borrowed the tires from Colonel Roller's grey ghost, he failed to see if anyone was in the car. But Stubbs is still trying and we know he will come through someday.

The Editor

WISDOM CORNER

From

Our Exchange Papers

Are you familiar with some of the famous quotations of all time?

Do you know who said—?

"Adam and Eve had many advantages, but the principle one was that they escaped teething."

(A) Longfellow, (B) Shakespeare, (C) Mark Twain.

"We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to do."

(A) Cicero, (B) Emerson, (C) Churchill.

"The American people never carry an umbrella. They prepare to walk in eternal sunshine."

(A) Theodore Roosevelt, (B) Alfred E. Smith, (C) Woodrow Wilson.

"Give me liberty or give me death."

(A) Patrick Henry, (B) Thomas Paine, (C) Thomas Jefferson.

"I am not arguing with you—I am telling you."

(A) James A. Whistler, (B) Norman Gale, (C) General Sheridan.

"What is beautiful is good and who is good will soon also be beautiful."

(A) Sappho, (B) Milton, (C) Plato.

"Blow, bugle, blow, set the wild echoes flying, Blow bugle, answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying."

(A) Tennyson, (B) Keats, (C) Napoleon.

"I came, I saw, I conquered."

(A) Alexander the Great, (B) Julius Caesar, (C) Charlemagne.

"No man of woman born, coward or brave, can shun his destiny."

(A) Holmes, (B) Plato, (C) Socrates.

"England expects every man to do his duty."

(A) Rudyard Kipling, (B) Lord Nelson, (C) Sir Francis Drake.

Score 10 points for each correct answer, rating 90-100 superior, 80-90 excellent, 70-80 good, 60-70 fair, 50-60 poor.

(A), 10. (B).
5. (A), 6. (A), 7. (A), 8. (B), 9.
1. (C), 2. (B), 3. (B), 4. (A),
by Steve Marsh

The Sportlight

By Steve Tomasek
Bayonet Sports Editors

Intra-Mural Basketball Adds To Corps Spirit; Fencing And Rifle Teams Have Good Seasons

The Intra-Mural Basketball tournament was a wonderful idea and it should be applied to all sports—not only basketball but to swimming, fencing, wrestling, rifle, etc.

However, we do suggest that this idea be used as the word implies to get everyone to participate—especially those who do not go out for a sport regularly.

There is enough athletic material left in barracks after the regular sports are taken care of to make every sport much better than it generally is.

There should be a compulsory rule that NO ONE be premitted to be in barracks from 4 to 5 every afternoon. Perhaps some of these fellows would come out for sports.

WINTER SPORT STARS



Rifle



Rifle



Swimming

Spencer Pupo

E. F. Wirkus

Baseball



Jack Chichester



Hugh Harman



Fencing

Fencing

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Fencing

Rifle Team Second In State Meet

N. C. State College Edges Augusta Fencers In Triangular Meet With N. C. University

Jim Hassell, Hugh Harmon Lead Foil Team As It Tops Both Opponents: 7-2; 6-3

Augusta met the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State College in a Triangular Meet at Chapel Hill Feb. 19 and emerged in 2nd place on the basis of point scores. In reality they tied one meet and won the other but as the meet was pointed on bouts either way can be counted.

Augusta defeated both Foil Teams of both colleges: U.N.C. 6-3 and N. C. State 7-2 and defeated the Sabre Team of U.N.C. 6-3.

Augusta's greeness was evident in the epee weapon for it lost to both schools in this weapon. The loss of Moss to the team was definitely noticed for he was a mainstay in this weapon.

In foil Jim Hassell and Hugh Harmon starred by winning 6 bouts apiece.

Cooper won both his bouts against both colleges. Matthews won one and lost one in sabre. Nestor Moya, Paul Ebersberger and Abelardo Aguiar each won 2 against U.N.C.—losing only to their veteran and star Bob Rupp. Against State College Abuiar won 2, Moya 1 and Ebersberger one.

In epee Anacio Reyes starred by winning a bout against both schools including his defeat of Augusta last year's star Guy Townsend, and a tie against State's Conroy. Ros won two ties against State and Trapnell a tie against U.N.C.

Results: A.M.A. vs. U.N.C.
Foil: Hassell (A) defeated Grimmise 5-4; Clay 5-4; Johnson 5-1. Harmon (A) defeated Clay 5-3; Johnson 5-2; Grimmise 5-3.

Tiger Quintet Swamps New Hope School: 52-24

The Augusta Tiger Basketball Team made it 4 out of 6 games as they swamped the New Hope Elementary School 52-24 in a game played at New Hope, Feb. 9.

Dick Yates led the victors with 22 points and Ty Tomasek was next with 16.

Tom Crowe made 14 points for New Hope to lead his teammates. Augusta's record to date is
Tigers 32 Mt Sidney 26
Tigers 25 Craigsville 40
Tigers 54 New Hope 20
Tigers 30 Craigsville 36
Tigers 52 New Hope 24

Box Score

AMA (52)	G	F	T
Yates 10	2	22	
Tomasek 8	0	16	
Petty 4	0	8	
Jones 1	0	2	
Rhodes 2	0	4	
Corbell 0	0	0	
McVey 0	0	0	
Morgan 0	0	0	
Parra 0	0	0	
Eye 0	0	0	
La Rue 0	0	0	
New Hope (24)	G	T	
Bergman 3	6		
Crowe 7	14		
Flory 1	2		
Driver 1	2		
Hunter 0	0		
Totals			
	28	21-33	75

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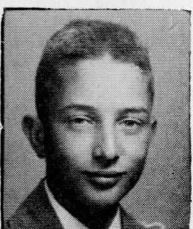
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Edward Daughtrey Is Top Man For Augusta With 281

Augusta placed 2nd in the State Rifle Match held at Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, March 5.

Randolph Macon Academy placed 1st with the **Top Man**



Ed Daughtrey

Augusta had four of their men shooting above 280 and one in the 270's, Augusta had 1 man in the 280 and all the others in 270's.

The high man of the meet was Nails of RMA with a 286.

Augusta's high man was Ed Daughtrey with a 281. The other Augusta scores: Spencer Pupo 279; F. E. Wirkus 274; Bruce Owen 274; Howard Harner 273; Wycliffe Jackson 271; Chip Ray 258; and Hampton Foley 247.

Augusta Natators Place 4th In State Swim Meet

Augusta's green Swimming Team was entered in the State Meet held March 5 at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and came in 4th.

Charles Marshall came in 2nd in the breaststroke; Jack Holloran made a 5th in the 50 yd. Freestyle; the Medley Relay placed 3rd; Stewart Garrett was 4th in Diving and Tom Petty 6th in the same event; the 200 yd. Freestyle Relay came in 4th.

Augusta will lose only two stars: Holloran and Marshall but the balance of the squad of 15 swimmers will be back to uphold the laurels for 1956.

Virginia Frosh Swimmers Edge Augusta Team; 38-37

Virginia Frosh took 5 first places and with this advantage they edged the Augusta Natators 38-37 in a meet staged in the winner's pool, March 1.

This was the first victory for Virginia. However, Augusta regained its swimming stamina although it lost this meet by 1 point. This meet brought the team back together after a long layoff due to sickness and many other reasons.

Augusta won the 50 and 100 yd. freestyle with Jack Holloran keeping his dual competition clean in the 50 and only a single loss in the 100, both relays—the Medley and the 200 yd. Freestyle relay.

Virginia won in the breast, back, diving, individual medley and the 200 yd. Freestyle.

Results:
50 yd. Freestyle: Holloran (A), Palmer (V), Beck (V).

100 yd. Breaststroke: Phillips (V), Lipman (V), Hume (A).

100 yd. Backstroke: Beck (V), Webster (A), Englehart (A).

200 yd. Freestyle: Hubby (V), Lanks (A), Meier (A).

Diving: Phillips (V), Petty (A), Clotfelter (A).

Medley Relay: Augusta (Webster, Marshall, Holloran).

200 yd. Freestyle Relay: Augusta (Sommers, Webster, Petty J., Clotfelter).

Individual Medley: Palmer (V), Lipman (V), Hume (A).

100 yd. Freestyle: Holloran (A), Palmer (V), Ballou (A).

SECOND ARMY HEADS VISITS AUGUSTA



MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE C. SMYTHE, from Second Army Headquarters at Fort Meade, Md., visits Augusta to inspect R. O. T. C. Facilities. Pictured are Maj. Gen. Smythe at left and Col. Charles S. Roller, right.

Mrs. J. M. Echols Addresses Cadet Corps Assembly

Mrs. J. M. Echols, Lexington, Va., presented a talk on the "Importance of the Friendship of the Japanese Nation for the United States".

Her talk began with her personal experiences as the wife of an U. S. Army officer on duty in Japan after World War II—then as a newspaper correspondent and later as a writer for various magazines. She stated "that this was a means to further her understanding of the importance of the Japanese for it constituted our only means as an outpost against the possible invasion of Communism against our way of life and world survival".

At the conclusion of her talk Mrs. Echols talked informally with the cadets and answered all queries addressed her.

Cadet Corps Chooses F. E. Wirkus Final Ball Dance Chairman

Cadet First Captain F. E. Wirkus was elected President of the Final Ball for 1955. This selection was made by the assembly of the student body on March 9 in the Big Room.

Wirkus will announce in the next issue of the Bayonet his assistants and members of the committee who will help him put on the high light of the social season—the Final Ball on Monday evening, June 6.

Dean Hudson

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a production, rather than just another good dance number.

The hard-working Hudson does not pull any punches to give his fans continuous top entertainment at every performance.

Dean is playing at the University of North Carolina, the University of West Virginia and V.P.I.

One of the true highlights will be the appearance of his glamourous vocalist Lennie Love, whose photograph to cadets will soon see on the final ball posters.

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Junior Barracks News Column

When do the Juniors get up early? Why, Sunday morning, when the calls are late! There is so much rivalry over keeping nice rooms, that every one wants to get an early start. Such scrubbing and cleaning.

Every morning Mrs. Davis goes through the Barracks when the cadets are at breakfast. Lately she says they could pass S.M.I. any morning. We guess the Juniors are getting "wax" happy.

Room 342 with Cadets Norris Corbell, Edward Crawford, Donald Link, and Bootie Hubbard have made super-super twice lately.

Room 341 with Cadets Marker Lovell, Parra, and Larry Spillan have been making super and first.

If you want a trip like going through a museum, visit room 360. Cadets Terry Collins, Larry Levin, Morgan, and David Rhode keep the walls and lockers decorated with all kinds of souvenirs.

We have two new students. Cadet Nelson Salas is from Venezuela. He is Guarro Vetencourt's cousin.

Cadet Sammy Wales is a day student but he stays here all day. He takes part in all the formations and activities. His pals have a picnic every recess time helping Sammy eat good things.

Captain Lucas' Baseball Teams

Have you noticed us playing baseball? We don't like playing softball—that's kid stuff. The other day the outfield all sat down because Bootie was at bat. He never hits so they thought they'd take it easy. Well, you've guessed what happened. He hit a good one. Johnny Bickford didn't feel hungry one day because he'd caught three flies. Tommy Corbell, Collins, Carlos Giammaria, Junco, M., Walter Rogers, Parra, Sammy Wales, Billy McVey are the home-runners.

A Foul Foul Ball

Norris Corbell hit a foul ball and it hit him on the head—Poor Corbell.

A Little Navy

Cadets Cutright, Larry Levin, David Rhode, Terry Collins are busy making boats.

Captain and Mrs. Wales had Johnny Bickford, Dwight Nadreau, Sammy Spindel, Paul Jaeger, and Richard Grammer for supper Sunday evening.

Jack, Willis, and Marker Lovell had their long looked for company, Granmother West, Uncle Dick, and Aunt Louise. Willis and Uncle Dick had a hat exchange—both looked cute!

Vetencourt asked his roommate what Mrs. Davis meant when she said time flies." Nelson told him it meant going fast.

Alan Cutright helps everyone. He is good at keeping boys from fighting.

Freddy Womer has had tough luck with his drum head. It has broken (busted) twice. Freddy and Tim Staudt are keeping room 343 "spic and span."

Billie McVey is a whiz in history. He's that little squirt in the band.

Omar Abdallah likes his saxophone. He hasn't been able to play lately. He is taking treatments. Poor Abdallah.

In the movie last Saturday night when the man in the picture called "Abdallah, come here!" Omar Abdallah said he couldn't go because it was only a picture.

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NATURAL BRIDGE IS NATURE'S EPIC A SYMPHONY OF BEAUTY AND ROCK

Located about fifteen miles from Lexington, Virginia on U.S. Highway No. 11, is a massive stone bridge between two towering cliffs, the Natural Bridge of Virginia. The marvel, one of the seven natural wonders of the world, is truly a "miracle in stone".

Jefferson Visited N. B.

The Natural Bridge has a history of many million years. The small creek that winds its way through the opening still today did a tremendous job of cutting through the rock.

At one time, the entire valley where in the bridge is located was level with the top of the bridge. Then the creek which flows there found a crevice in a rock and began to flow down through the rocks to lower ground below. This process, over a period of several million years, formed a large cavern beneath the surface of the earth.

At a later period, an earthquake or some similar eruption of the earth's surface took place and caused a great part of the cavern to cave in leaving overhead only one mighty span of solid rock, the bridge itself.

N. B. Million Years Old

The first record that is known of a human visiting the site was when the Indian tribes that inhabited this area went to the spot and worshipped the miracle in the early morning light.

With England's colonization of Virginia, the bridge became the property of the King of England. Later, Edward granted the property to an American statesman known to us all, Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson visited there often and built a small cabin there for his family and himself.

"G. W." Varved Initials

At a later date, a colonel in the English reserves who had some knowledge as a surveyor went to the great stone bridge and surveyed all the property surrounding it.

He even crawled up the side of the bridge itself to a height of about thirty feet where he carved his initials in the rock. That rock may still be viewed today with the initials "G. W." on it—the initials of a then little known colonel, George Washington.

Tourists Visit Shrine

Not only does the bridge attract many tourists, but there are many other attractions near the location. The beautiful Natural Bridge Hotel sits on a hill nearby where many famous celebrities of the nation have stopped to visit. Passing down the path to the old bridge, we see many old Arbor-

Arnaldo Garcia Tops On Privileged List

Arnaldo Garcia of Havana, Cuba topped the Principal's List with a general average of 89.40. Marty Cohen was the runner-up with an average of 89.17.

The remainder of the list according to averages is: Buchanan, Staudt, David Lea, Foley, Harner, Howard, Gossom, Wales, Wirkus, Jim Petty, Bergman, Freile, Yates, Rhode, Luke Snyder, Burrell, Eberberger, Griggs, Jack Lovell, Margin, Gray Hume, Morgan, Abdullah, Leuterio, Cutright, Sheldon Quimby, Babione, Wagner, Bickford, Gonzales, Genau, Rodriguez, Giammaria, Roger Quimby, Jones, Jim Hume, and Tommy Corbell.

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Vitae trees, some over two thousand years old. Beyond the span which rises some 225 feet, is Hemlock Island, scene of many gay picnics and dances in the Gay Nineties.

Cross a bridge from the island, we come to an old salt-petre cave which supplied powder for the War of 1812 and the Civil War. It is well known as the coolest place in Rockbridge County." About two hundred yards further up the path, we see the outlet of the Lost River. There has never been traced the origin of this mysterious stream which flows from beneath a towering hill even though men have risked their lives in the attempt. The last feature attraction that is to be seen is the beautiful cascading Lace Falls where the turbulent waters drop in ceaseless splendor,

"The Miracle In Stone"

Such is this "miracle in stone." Will Rogers once described it as the only useful natural wonder in the world in that a highway passes directly over the span. Conceived by the waters of the earth—Visited by the great o fa nation—Unsurpassed in beauty and enchantment—such phrases truly describe the "Miracle in Stone," the Natural Bridge of Virginia.

St. Patrick Is Theme Of Early Spring Prom

A salute to St. Patrick's Day was the theme of Augusta Military Academy's early spring dance held in Memorial Gymnasium Friday, March 11. With the shining green of old Erin apparent throughout the decorations, the gymnasium was transformed into a ballroom of green and white.

The entrance-way was a large passageway of solid green, with a lighted column of green at the end. The sides of the hall were decorated with strips of twisted white paper, with a pattern of green throughout. The ceiling was billows of solid green with a stripe of white in the middle. Both ends of the hall were solid green.

The serving table was a design of green and white plaid, with green candles surrounding the punch bowl of lime punch. Green candles and cookies added to the theme of the dance. The bandstand was fenced with strips of twisted green paper.

The decorations for the dance were under the direction of Galen Metro and Chip Ray. Serving on the committees were Cadets Cooper, Lea, T. C. Howard, Hollar, Mahanes, Babione, Wahl, Mower, Wildman, Askin, Krise, Griggs, Chichester, Johnson, Merenick, Smith, Buchanan, McAllister, E., Saunders, Emmons, Lanks, Meier, Jim, Meier, Jack, LaRue, White, and Purks.

Highlight of the dance was the intermission party given for the cadet officers and their dates by Col. and Mrs. Charles S. Roller, Jr., at their home, "White Hall." "White Hall" was decorated with spring flowers, with the predominant color scheme in yellow. The young couples were served punch, cookies, ham biscuits, and other hors d'oeuvres during the party.

Music for the dance was furnished by Ray Houser with his Royal Virginians, and during intermission the "AMA" Dixiecats" under the direction of Warren White entertained the cadets and their guests.

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